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Lt. Col. David E. Anderson takes command of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District

Honolulu Hawaii, July 16, 2004: Lt. Col. David E. Anderson became the 64th Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Honolulu Engineer District in a military ceremony today at 10:30 a.m. at Fort Shafter, Hawaii's famous Palm Circle parade field.

Pacific Ocean Division Commander, Brig. Gen. Larry Davis, hosted the ceremony. During the ceremony, outgoing commander Lt. Col. David C. Press and Anderson passed the ceremonial flag symbolizing the official change of command and Anderson and his family were presented with fresh flower leis, a Hawaiian symbol of welcome.

Anderson took over from Press who will go on to the Pentagon as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Mr. John Paul Woodley.

During his tenure, Press met the challenge of:

- * Guiding the development of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Stryker Brigade Combat Team which is scheduled to come to Hawaii
- * Deploying numerous times to supervise and support disaster relief efforts in the Pacific
- * Guiding the construction support for the C-17 aircraft which are coming to Hickam Air Force Base
- * The clean up of unexploded ordnance on the Big Island at Waikoloa
- * And numerous other projects throughout the District's area of operations.

Anderson takes his new command after serving as the Army's liaison officer to the House Armed Services Committee and Senate Armed Services Committee on all matters related to military construction, installation support, real estate and housing privatization.

Anderson will command an organization of about 400 engineers, scientists and support staff located in Hawaii, Palau, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and Kwajalein. Honolulu District is responsible for major military design and construction, civil works, international and interagency support, real estate services to the Army and Air Force, regulatory work, environmental services and emergency management. The District's current active program is valued at \$1.97 billion.